

In the Specification:

On page 6, please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

--[0025] The tire building drum 23, which comprises a plurality of metal drum segments 23X, is cylindrically formed, as shown in Fig. 3. The drum segments 23X are attached expandably and contractibly in the radial direction of the drum to the rotary shaft 22 via a conventionally well-known expanding and contracting mechanism schematically shown with chain double-dashed lines 24.--